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Diabetes Expo Features Screening, Networking, Discussions

A day of diabetes information, screening, and discussions is planned for the Diabetes Expo 2005 on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Jerome High School. Anyone who has Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes or is interested in learning more about diabetes is invited to attend the free activities.

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration. TrialNet Risk Screening, conducted by Benaroya Research Institute will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. TrialNet tests for multiple autoantibodies associated with Type 1 diabetes. People are encouraged to be re-screened if they were tested under DPT-1. People are eligible to participate if they are:

- Age 1-45 with a first degree relative with Type 1 diabetes, or
- Age 1-20 with a second degree relative with Type 1 diabetes.

At 9 a.m., Lawrence Fisher, Ph.D., Professor at the University of California at San Francisco and the editor of “Diabetes Care” magazine will address the issue of the family connection and diabetes.

At 10 a.m., Rob Jones, M.D., professor at the University of Utah Department of Endocrine and Metabolism, will discuss preventing and treating diabetic kidney disease.

Break out sessions between 11 a.m. and Noon will allow people to explore several different topics. Concurrent sessions will look at nutrition and weight loss with Kristen Ritzenthaler, Ph.D., from the Idaho Dairy Council; new medications for Type 1 diabetes with Becky Sulik, RD, LD, from the Rocky Mountain Diabetes and Osteoporosis Center; new medications for Type 2 diabetes and how they work with Dick Roemer, R.Ph., from Kurts Pharmacy in Twin Falls; and how to find diabetes information on the internet with Janet Renaldi, RN, Certified Diabetes Educator, from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Diabetes Education Program.

A free lunch is being sponsored by the Idaho Dairy Council between Noon and 12:45 p.m.

The afternoon key note speakers are Christine Webber, from Benaroya Research Institute,

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who will discuss diabetes clinical research from 12:50 to 1:45 p.m., and Daniel Brown, M.D., with Southern Idaho Cardiology Associates, who will explore the connection between diabetes and heart disease from 1:50 to 2:45 p.m.

Afternoon breakout sessions between 2:50 and 3:30 p.m. will feature Mike Taylor, M.D. discussing diabetes and eye disease; Cynthia Fielding, RN, Certified Diabetes Educator, from MiniMed Technologies discussing insulin pump therapy for Type 1 and 2 diabetes; a look at the insurance aspect of diabetes with Mike Belgard and Joe Shaw from Waddell & Reed; and podiatrists Cory Pilling, DPM, and Craig Holman, DPM, discussing foot problems, including what to look for and how to get help.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available for several sessions for nurses, registered dietitians, and physical therapists.

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